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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING -- US POLICY ON TRIAL

REF: A) ZAGREB 830; B) BELGRADE 6279

1. IN OCTOBER 1 VJESNIK, COMMENTARY BY BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT LJUBO DJORIC ENTITLED "POLICY OF DOUBLE STANDARD," QUESTIONS MEANING OF POSTPONEMENT OF SETTING OF DATE OF TRIAL OF HIJACKERS. DJORIC ASKS IF THIS MEANS THE BEGINNING OF MANEUVERS TO SHELTER HIJACKERS BEHIND "COMPLICATED AMERICAN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION." ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE LEGAL CONTEST BETWEEN PROSECUTOR AND DEFENSE LAWYER "REFLECTS" DIVERGENCE BETWEEN TWO POLICIES. FIRST POLICY CALLS FOR CONTINUATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS "ON BASES ESTABLISHED DURING THE TITO-FORD AND KISSINGER-MINIC MEETINGS." THE SECOND POLICY "REJECTS AND FRONTALLY ATTACKS NON-ALIGNMENT AS THE BEARER OF A NEW GLOBAL REALITY, AND MORE THAN ONCE THIS POLICY HAS ENTERED INTO COLLUSION WITH TERRORISM." AFTER MAKING RITUAL COMMENT THAT "YUGOSLAVIA INDEED DESIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES," DJORIC STATES THAT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HIJACKERS "WILL BE FOR US INDICATIVE SINCE IT WILL HELP US

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TO DECIPHER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY

TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA."
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